

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Gender female | Date of birth 29 August 1980 | National of: Bulgaria

WORK EXPERIENCE

2006, since

Coordinator/Director of projects

Student Society for the Development of Interethnic Dialogue Foundation, Sofia

- Coordinate, organize, implement and report over 10 projects in the sphere of education, history and culture;
- Coordinate the work of project teams, beneficiaries and trainers;
- Plan, manage and organize activities within projects, related to the education of the Roma community;
- Develop and maintain volunteer networks and student networks in support of the organization's activities

Expert and organizational activity

2000 – 2006

Coordinator of the Educational and Cultural Program

The Human Rights Project NGO, Sofia

- Coordinate the organization's activities in the sphere of culture and education. Over 20 project implemented, Plan, manage and organize projects, related to informal education of diverse Roma communities all over Bulgaria, experts and volunteers; Coordinate activities related to creating national and local strategies and programs for the development of the Roma community in Bulgaria.

Expert and organizational activity

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2020

PhD candidate at

INSTITUTE OF ETHNOLOGY AND FOLKLORE STUDIES AT BULGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

PhD thesis is based on historical archival research

2011 - 2013

M.A. in Film and Television Direction

The Neofit Rilski South-Western University, Blagoevgrad

Development and perfection of strictly specific professional skills and knowledge according to the state requirements of obtaining a Master's degree in Film and Television Direction.

2006 - 2010

B.A. in Film and Television Direction

The Neofit Rilski South-Western University, Blagoevgrad

Development and perfection of strictly specific professional skills and knowledge according to the state requirements of obtaining a Bachelor's degree in Film and Television Direction.

1994 - 1999

Special high school arts education in Art Textile Design

The Saint Luka National School of Applied Arts, Sofia

- Pedagogical profile of teaching visual arts in high schools, History of Art, Design, Fashion, Textile, Computer Design, Anatomy, Graphic, Painting, Composition, Silk Print, Weaving, History of Costume etc.

PERSONAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

Native language(s) **Bulgarian**

Other languages

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Conversation	Independent oral presentation	
English	B 2	B2	B 1	B 1	B 1
Russian	B 1	B1	B 1	B 1	B 1

Levels: A1/2: Basic - B1/2: Independent - C1/2 Proficient

Communicative skills and competences

For the 2000-2020 period, my main obligations, related to the implementation of diverse projects in the sphere of Roma culture and education, were related to organizational skills and competences for coordination, management and administration of people, projects and budgets. I managed projects related to the administration of a scholarships fund of Roma university students, as well as projects preparing talented young Roma from all over Bulgaria to apply to universities. I coordinated projects of community development by advocacy for local and national strategies for the integration of the Roma community.

Organizational skills and competences

My organizational skills and competences related to the coordination and management of staff, projects and budgets are proven in the over 20 successfully implemented projects to the benefit of groups in unequal situation. I have organized teams of 14 staff, networks of over 200 volunteers and students, I have been the head of projects with budgets over Euro 200 000.

Research skills

Work with historical literature and archives. My project of documentaries ‘A Gypsy in the Central Committee of the Communist Party’ and of ‘The Salvation of Bulgarian Gypsies During WWII’ are based on extensive literature and archival research.

Professional skills and competences

Planning, managing and organizing activities on projects:

2000 – 2004	Organizer of national and regional campaigns related to the application of the National Framework Program for the Integration of the Roma Community in Bulgaria; Coordinator of a project of preparing and realization of municipal strategies and programs for the integration of the Roma community in Bulgaria
2002	Organizer of the National Meeting of UNICEF
2002	Coordinator of a project for the training of the Roma working in public administration – funded by the Open Society Institute, Budapest
2000 – 2004	Coordinator of the project ‘Roma Political Participation Program, funded by OSI, Budapest, for 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004
2005 – 2007	Coordinator of the project Support for the Higher Education of Roma, funded by the Roma Education Fund, Budapest
2007 – 2008	Coordinator of the project Support for the Higher Education of Roma, funded by the Roma Education Fund, Budapest
2008 – 2009	Coordinator of the project ‘Terzi Zor’, funded by the Roma Education Fund, Budapest
2007	Coordinator of a student cinema festival on ‘The Other’ financed by the Youth in Action Program

2009 – 2010	Coordinator of the project 'Preparing young Roma with high school grades to apply to universities', funded by the America for Bulgaria Foundation
2011 – 2012	Coordinator of the project 'Action to change negative attitudes towards the Roma community among the future mass media specialists' with the funding of the Open Society Institute of Budapest.
2010 – 2011	Coordinator of the project 'Resource network for the development of the Roma youth in Bulgaria', funded by the National Centre for European Youth Programs and Initiatives
2011 – 2013	Coordinator of the project 'TERNI ZOR / YOUNG POWER. 1 Complex support to young Roma for equal access to higher education', funded by the America for Bulgaria Foundation
2013 – 2015	Coordinator of the project 'TERNI ZOR / YOUNG POWER.2 Complex support to young Roma for equal access to higher education', funded by the America for Bulgaria Foundation and the Trust for Social Achievement
2014	Producer of the full-length film 'Some Sofia Bards and Other Birds' of the director Irina Kitova, funded by the Culture Program of the Sofia Municipality
2015 – 2017	Producer, director and screenwriter of the documentary film 'Merry is the Gypsy Life, or The Salvation of Bulgarian Gypsies During WWII' funded by the Bulgarian National Film Center.
2015 – 2017	Coordinator of the project 'TERNI ZOR / YOUNG POWER 3 Complex support to young Roma for equal access to higher education', funded by the Trust for Social Achievement
2018 –	Coordinator of the project 'TERNI ZOR / YOUNG POWER 4", funded by the Trust for Social Achievement

Computer skills and competences ▪ Work with the instruments of Microsoft Office™, Adobe Premiere, Internet, Corel Draw, Photoshop, etc.

Other skills and competences ▪ Musical skills – piano, knowledge in history of music

Car driving licence Enter a category:
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Experience and work related to art and culture

- 2007 - Coordinator of a student cinema festival on 'The Other' financed by the Youth in Action Program.
- 2008 - Director, producer and screenwriter of the student documentary film 'A Gypsy in the Central Committee of the Communist Party',BG 2008, 19 min
The Audience's Award, Festival of the Roma Cinema, Salzburg, June 2009
- 2009 Director and screenwriter of a student fiction film 'Brothers-in-law' on the short story 'Living Soul' by Georgi Gospodinov
- 2010 - Series of exhibitions in Sliven, Shoumen, Montana and Vidin
- 2011 - 2012 Coordinator of the project 'Action to change negative attitudes towards the Roma community among the future mass media specialists' with the funding of the Open Society Institute of Budapest.
- 2013 Coordinator of the project 'Preparation of Roma young people to apply to universities in the sphere of arts' funded by the TSA.
- 2013 Director, producer and screenwriter of a study motivation film 'And you, where are you?!', 6,03 min.
- 2014 producer of the full-length documentary film 'Some Sofia Bards and Other Local Birds' of the director Irina Kitova, financed by the Culture Program of the Sofia Municipality
- 2015 – 2017 - producer, director and screenwriter of the documentary film 'The Salvation of Bulgarian Gypsies During WWII' funded by the Bulgarian National Film Center. Festivals and awards:
 - Roma Cinema DOC 2017 (IT) - Official selection
 - Ouchy Film Awards 2017 (CH) - Official selection
 - Vasteras Film festival 2017 (SE) - Official selection
 - Documentary and Animation Film Festival Golden Rhyton 2017 (BG) – Official selection
 - International Film Festival of New European cinema –GOLDEN LINDEN - 2018 (BG) – Bulgarian cinema
 - RRoma DOC 2018 (BG) – Official selection
 - XXVII Международного Кинофорума „Золотой Витязь” 2018 (RU) – Official selection
 - XXIII МЕЖДУНАРОДНЫЙ ФЕСТИВАЛЬ КИНО И ТЕЛЕПРОГРАММ «РАДОНЕЖ» -2018 (RU) – Official selection
 - 19th edition go East - Festival of Central and Eastern European Film 2019(DE) – Symposium section selection
 - 17th International Roma Film Festival "Golden Wheel 2019 (MK), special award from the expert jury